PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners November 21, 2016

1101 Oberlin Road Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Michael H. Womble, CPA, President; Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA, Vice President; Jeffrey J. Truitt, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer; Murchison ("Bo") Biggs, CPA; Cynthia B. Brown, CPA; Justin C. Burgess; and L. Samuel Williams, Jr., CPA.

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; David R. Nance, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Kelly Goehl, Professional Standards Assistant; Lisa R. Hearne, Communications Manager; Jean Marie Small, Professional Standards Specialist; Buck Winslow; Licensing Manager; and Noel L. Allen, Esq., Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: Sharon Bryson, CEO, NCACPA; Mark Soticheck, CPA, COO, NCACPA; Shawana Karkouki, CPA, NCACPA; Suzanne Jolicoeur, Senior Manager, State Regulation & Legislation, AICPA; and Officer Billy Gartin, Raleigh Police Department.

CALL TO ORDER: President Womble called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 27, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The October 2016 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Several Board members commented on the recent NASBA Annual Meeting held in Austin, TX.

Messrs. Cook and Williams moved to approve allowing NASBA to use the contact information it has on Uniform CPA Examination candidates for a survey to determine why candidates drop out of the examination pipeline. Motion passed.

Mr. Womble was reappointed to the NASBA Enforcement Resources Committee, Mr. Truitt was appointed to the International Qualifications Appraisal Board after completing a term on the ALD/CPA Verify Committee, and Mr. Brooks was reappointed to the CBT Administration Committee.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Cook moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

<u>Case No. C2016134 - Michael R. McKenna</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix I).

<u>Case No. C2016142 - Jeffrey M. Kowalk</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).

<u>Case No. C2016169 - Michael T. Orlando</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix III).

Case Nos. C2016070-1/2 - Close the case without prejudice.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Biggs moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Patrick Lukas Camuso Ryan Edward Dixon William Shannon Reid, Jr. Rion Wallace Williams

Original Certificate Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Thomas Bradford Andrews

David Coates Barton

Mary Grace Beets

Jason Behrens

Michael Gyles Braxton

Jeremy Patton Brown

Sarah Mary Brown

Matthew Joseph Bustamante

Patrick Lukas Camuso

Katherine Michelle Carter

Tyler David Chapman

Zhihao Chen

Robert Charles Cromer

Vernon Scott Cryster, Jr. Lori Catherine Curtsinger

Ryan Edward Dixon

Dzenana Dzanic

James Langston Evans

Mary Kathleen Goodwin Evans

Mary Katherine Fish

Kregg Manuel Guestin

Kaitlyn Coen Haake

Mary Ann Hunter

Heather Janine Jackson

Mario Carlington Jarrett

Steven Gerard Kanczewski

Stephen Andrew Krouse

Andrea Christine Lorine Lambert

Jennifer Nicole Lane

Rianne Kathryn Lang

Stephanie Mariah Macon

Kayla Margot Marchese

Michael Derek Martin **Jill Michele McCallister** Tyler Edward Miller Stephen James Milton **Dalton James Morris** Sarah Adele Mulholland **Brittany Lee Nance** Jordan Clell Orlandi **Brittany Marie Patel** Radhika Hermant Patel Lindsey Rae Phillips Melissa Judith Phillips Marquis James Pullen Dredlin Rodriguez Ramos Lee Alan Ramsey Jared Ethan Rapaport William Shannon Reid, Jr. Brian Joseph Reynolds Patricia Roberts

Gabriel Gary Rooth
Taylor Marie Rote
Matthew Charles Ruterbories
Nicholas Davey Sanford
Joy Michelle Schaub
Alfred Tate Smith
John Macon Smith
Brandyn Michael Spangenberg
Aaron Joseph Sparrow
Jeffrey Richard Stulgis

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Kathryn Marie Wallace

Shuo Wang

Rion Wallace Williams Zachary David Williams Karolyn Ruth Young Hadeel Akram Zaben

Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Lata Agarwal

Melissa Lee Rood

Kevin Donovan Casady Malissa LaRyan Davis Johannes A. Dreyer Vincent Angelo Falvo Rachel Ann Graham David Charles Grippin Karyn Leigh Heimes Brenda Baker Jackson Judith A. Kristan David Grady Landers Brittany Elizabeth Marti

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Brittany Elizabeth Martin
Alison M. Merkabah
Robert James Milne
Robert James Murphy
Michael Paul Ohrnstein

Olga Panus

Nils Martin Persson Alexander F. Peter

Andrew Benjeman Prescott Mary Thompson Prillaman

Susan Ralko

Judy Domovich Ramsey Robert Russoniello Michael Victor Scott

Jigna H. Shah

Kasturi Raghuveera Shetty Andrew Michael Silverman Andrew Lee Slosiarek

Andrew James VanLeeuwen Heather Deininger Vetter Casper Eldredge Wiggins, Jr. **Temporary Permits** - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following temporary permits that were approved by the Executive Director:

Charmy Jay Anonuevo, T9405
Richard Furman Hewitt, Jr., T9406
Lata Agarwal, T9407
Andrew Benjeman Prescott, T9408
Brittany Elizabeth Martin, T9409
Michael Victor Scott, T9410
Malissa LaRyan Davis, T9411
Olga Panus, T9412
Judy Domovich Ramsey, T9413
Elizabeth Ann Hoffman, T9414
David Charles Grippin, T9415
Jensen Kallakavumkal Jacob, T9416
Jemit Patel, T9417

Christopher Riley Hildreth, T9418 Christine Mary Bedson, T9419 Sara Kenn, T9420 Richard Alexander Vari, T9421 Yasmine Chambers Johnson, T9422 Robert James Murphy, T9423 Barbara Lancaster-Beresnoy, T9424 Merissa Jane MacDougall, T9425 Andrew Lee Slosiarek, T9511 Kevin Donovan Casady, T9512 Vincent Angelo Falvo, T9513 Robert James Milne, T9514

Reinstatements - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following:

Keith Gaston Bernard, #18374 Brian Keith Branson, #19124 Donna Gordon Elyea, #16723 Keturah Sharee June, #37100

Angela Criminger Leckie, #23645 James Linton Starling, #31705 Wayne Howard Wilson, #20088

Reissuance of New Certificate - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the application for reissuance of new certificate submitted by William Ronald Babcock, #22028.

Firm Registrations - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the professional limited liability company Virginia C. Thomasson, CPA, PLLC, that was approved by the Executive Director.

Extension Requests - The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following individuals for extension for completion of CPE until the dates noted:

Geneva J. Dally, #30064 – June 30, 2016 Lisa Gaetano, #39425 – June 30, 2016 Karen M. Wisniewski, #31206 – June 30, 2016 **Letters of Warning -** Staff recommended approval of the requests to rescind the Letters of Warning awarded to the individuals listed below. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation:

Natalie L. Davis, #21010 Patrick Evans, #36923 Weixuan Luo, #39714 Robert Tony McCollum, #12567 Laura Pearson, #39075

Shavonn R. Pegram, #39268 William Howard Schieffer, #39497 Amanda M. Shumaker, #32670 Randall Adam Wilson, #33306 James R. Vroom, #13301

Examinations -The Committee recommended that the Board approve the following staff-approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

William Adams Hyen Adrong Deedee Agu Yuri Ahn Michael Aiello Ebony Aiken Carolyn Albright **Jack Anderson** Brenna Aube Pommy Aynu Matthew Baber Bernice Badu **Brooke Baker Thomas Barker** Tasha Barnes

Alisa Brown

Barry Brown

Adam Beebe Ross Benjamin Rachel Besnoff **Brittany Best** Tyler Betts William Biney Kara Biroldi Jovana Bjelica Catrina Blazer Stephanie Blonchek Patrick Bostick Corey Bowlin Jessica Brinkmann

Andrew Bryson Stephanie Burgess Brandi Burkhart Wendy Burnes John Burnett Amelia Byrd Justin Chestnutt John Morgan Cockerham Molly Cogburn Margaret Cole Kevin Collins **Jeffrey Cox** Andrew Cullinan Sharon Cullipher Christopher Cunningham Caroline DeRhodes Ashleigh Dobbins Stefan Dosa Lillian DuBlina Carl Dunne Tawanda Dzangare Khalid Elshaikh Karina Escalante Zacch Estrada-Petersen Michael Falcone Olena Fedchenko Holly Fisher Kevin Fitzgerald **Ionathan Frazier**

Erin Freberg

Jordan Gantt Dylan Gardner Paige Garner Ruben Garratt Connor Gibson Sarah Glovier Brandon Godwin Jennifer Gordon Thomas Greene Tyler Hartman Andrew Harton Susan Haskins Jennifer Hemphill Matthew Higgins William Hight Brian Hillsinger Keith Howell Chun Huang Noah Huffstetler Logan Hurley Melissa Jackson Diana Kao Kimberly Kennion William Kerr Anne Knollmann Matthew Knott Robert Kocur Zachary Lachance Bart Landen Rebecca Larsen Meng Li Jiefang Liang Savannah Liberato Stefanie Liebhold Jenna Lindeman Christopher Lynagh Amanda Martin Ann McCaffrey Gina McCarthy Ashley McCullough Alexandria McGaha Raymond McKinney

William Meador

Addis Melesse Michael Miller Robert Mitchell Christopher Moltke-Hansen Hona Moore Jason Morgan Alan Morrison Joseph Morrow Rebecca Nance Linh Nguyen Lindsay Norris Abigail Odette Daniel Ogbamichael Margaret Orr Gray Overbey Keisha Parris-Parkes Antonio Perez Lara Sarah Pickwick Maribel Pinol **Iames Post Brian Prinz** Alison Rafoth **Justin Reed** Stuart Reese Sarah Rhodehamel Benjamin Richter Megan Ring **Timothy Rodgers** Andrea Rogers Olena Romanchuk Meghan Ruddy John Sajovec **Andrew Schuett** Theodore Seuss Payal Shah Stephen Sheller Charles Shelton Raven Simon Jake Srednicki Casey Stallard Tiffany Tadlock Crystal Talmadge

Bryce Taylor

Martrice Terry
Danielle Thompson
Maurice Thompson
Thomas Tillery
Kasandra Tomboc
Joshua Troxell
Melissa Tse
Jamar Turner
Pacis Umubyeyi

Lauren Urcinola Nathan Uzenski Bailey Wilhelm Joshua Williams Sybil Wood Angela Woodard Yishan Zhao Zhiyi Zhou

Staff recommended that the Committee determine and accept the grades received for the July – August 2016 exams. Twenty-five files with grade reports were haphazardly selected and available at the meeting for review by a Board member. The Committee recommended that the Board approve staff recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Womble and Cook moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert N. Proph

Attested to by:

Robert N. Brooks
Executive Director

Michael H. Womble, CPA

President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #C2016134

IN THE MATTER OF: Michael R. McKenna, #23053 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Respondent was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 23053 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. The Respondent informed the Board on his 2015-2016 individual certificate Renewal ("Renewal") that between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, he had obtained the requisite forty (40) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") to meet the 2014 CPE requirements.
- 3. Based on the Respondent's representation, the Board accepted his Renewal.
- 4. The Board staff requested that the Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet his 2014 requirements.
- The Respondent was unable to locate any documentation for forty (40) hours of the 2014 CPE hours that he claimed on his 2015-2016 annual renewal. In addition, the Respondent was unable to locate documentation to substantiate completion of at least two (2) hours of ethics from a sponsor registered with NASBA that he earned between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015.
- 6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

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BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent's failure to provide adequate documentation of CPE renders the Renewal insufficient and untimely. The Respondent's failure to adequately renew his certificate results in an automatic forfeiture pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(15).
- 2. The Respondent must return his certificate to the Board within fifteen (15) days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of this Consent Order.
- 3. The Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves this Consent Order as long as the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order has been timely received by the Board.
- 4. The Respondent may apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
 - a. Application form,
 - b. Payment of the application fee,
 - c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
 - d. Eighty (80) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including an eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs in a group-study format.

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- 5. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty, to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting a reissuance application.
- 6. The Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of his certificate.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE _	24	_DAY OF_	OCTOBER	2016
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APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 21 DAY OF WORLD (Month) (Year)

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



BY: Resident

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #C2016142

IN THE MATTER OF: Jeffrey M. Kowalk, #23386 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Respondent was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 23386 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- The Respondent informed the Board on his 2015-2016 individual certificate Renewal ("Renewal") that between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, he had obtained the requisite forty (40) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") to meet the 2014 CPE requirements.
- 3. Based on the Respondent's representation, the Board accepted his Renewal.
- 4. The Board staff requested that the Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet his 2014 requirements.
- 5. The Respondent was unable to locate any documentation for forty (40) hours of the 2014 CPE hours that he claimed on his 2015-2016 annual renewal. In addition, the Respondent was unable to locate documentation to substantiate completion of at least two (2) hours of ethics from a sponsor registered with NASBA that he earned between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015.
- 6. The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. The Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. The Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of the Respondent's consent to this order, the Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and the Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. The Respondent's failure to provide adequate documentation of CPE renders the Renewal insufficient and untimely. The Respondent's failure to adequately renew his certificate results in an automatic forfeiture pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(15).
- 2. The Respondent must return his certificate to the Board within fifteen (15) days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of this Consent Order.
- 3. The Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves this Consent Order as long as the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order has been timely received by the Board.
- 4. The Respondent may apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
 - a. Application form,
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 - d. Eighty (80) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including an eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs in a group-study format.

- 5. The Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty, to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting a reissuance application.
- 6. The Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of his certificate.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS



BY: President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #C2016169

IN THE MATTER OF: Michael T. Orlando, #29221 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners ("Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Respondent was the holder of North Carolina certificate number 29221 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Respondent informed the Board on his 2015-2016 individual certificate Renewal ("Renewal") that between January 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015, he had obtained the requisite forty (40) hours of continuing professional education ("CPE") to meet the 2014 CPE requirements.
- 3. Based on Respondent's representation, the Board accepted his Renewal.
- 4. Board staff requested that Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet his 2014 and 2015 requirements.
- 5. Respondent could not provide the CPE certificates of completion to the Board as requested. Respondent was unable to provide any documentation of the 2014 and 2015 CPE hours that he would need to meet the forty (40) hour requirement for his 2015-2016 annual renewal.
- 6. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte*, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

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BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), and .0202(b)(4).
- 3. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), 93-10(b) and also by virtue of Respondent's consent to this order, Respondent is subject to the discipline set forth below.

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

- 1. Respondent's failure to provide adequate documentation of CPE renders the Renewal insufficient and untimely. Respondent's failure to adequately renew his certificate results in an automatic forfeiture pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(15).
- 2. Respondent must return his certificate to the Board within fifteen (15) days of his receipt of the Board's notification of its approval of this Consent Order.
- Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves this Consent Order as long as the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order has been timely received by the Board.
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- 5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) civil penalty, to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting a reissuance application.
- 6. Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of his certificate.

CONSENTED TO THIS THEDA	Y OF Charles (Year) (Month) (Respondent
APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE(Day)	

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BY:____President

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